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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please substitute Claims 1-25 as originally filed, with Claims 1-25 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of October 18, 2000. The pages containing Claims 1-25 are marked "AMENDED SHEET" and are attached hereto. Following the insertion of Claims 1-25, please amend these claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 25.

Amend claim 3 as follows:

A<sup>1</sup> --3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the tube shaped void includes a void forming a transverse base across one end of the tube at the free end of the male mould member, during production while the moulding material covers the free end of the male mould member, the inside of the base is vented through the male